



Rep. B.J. Pak
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Biography

In November 2010, B.J. was elected into the Georgia General Assembly. He is a former federal prosecutor whose family immigrated to the US when he was 9 years old. He is the first American of Korean descent to be elected into any State Legislature in the Southeastern United States. As State Representative, B.J. has served as a Deputy Majority Whip, as the Vice Chair of the Judiciary Non-Civil Committee, as Secretary of the Code Revision Committee, and serves as a member of the Health and Human Services Committee. He is also a member of the Ways and Means Committee, where he serves as the Vice Chair of the Income Tax subcommittee, and as a member of the Sales & Use Tax and Ad Valorem tax subcommittees.

B.J. has been honored with numerous awards throughout his career. He has been recognized by *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business*; as a "Rising Star" by *Georgia Super Lawyers*; as one of the Best Lawyers Under 40 by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association; and as one of "13 Georgia Lawyers Under 40 to Watch" by the *Fulton County Daily Report*. He is listed among the 25 Most Influential Asian Americans in Georgia by *Georgia Asian Times*; and has been named to "40 under 40: Georgia's Best and the Brightest" by *Georgia Trend Magazine*. He was also named to The Legal 500 US for litigation. In 2006, Mr. Pak was awarded the Regional Award for the Organized Crime Drug Task Force Case of the Year for his work in dismantling a major Mexican cocaine trafficking organization operating in Texas, Georgia, and Tennessee. In 2007, Mr. Pak was awarded the Crime Victim Rights Award for his outstanding advocacy on behalf of crime victims.

He earned his Juris Doctorate, *summa cum laude*, and Order of the Coif, from the University of Illinois College of Law, where he was a Harbo Scholar, served as the Notes Editor for the Recent Decisions Section of the Illinois Bar Journal, and as a member of the Elder Law Journal. In 2013, he was named "Distinguished Alumnus of the Year" by his law school. Upon graduating from law school, he then went on to clerk for the Honorable Richard Mills, United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois. He is a graduate of Stetson University in DeLand, FL, where he was a Florida Academic Scholar, a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa, and was on the Interfraternity Council.

B.J. is a registered Certified Public Accountant, and a Litigation Partner with the national law firm of Ballard Spahr LLP, where he works to assist his clients (ranging from small business owners to Fortune 500 Corporations) solve complex business, regulatory, and criminal issues.

BJ and his wife, Sandra, have three daughters and reside in Gwinnett County, Georgia.